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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the regents institutions to review and prepare a  
2 report regarding the state's vulnerability to climatic change.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1895HV 83  
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1 1 Section 1. CLIMATIC CHANGE REVIEW AND REPORT.  
1 2 1. Institutions under the control of the state board of  
1 3 regents shall identify and review the state's vulnerability to  
1 4 climatic change and the impact of such change upon the state's  
1 5 environment, resources, and citizens. The vulnerability  
1 6 review shall include but not be limited to consideration of  
1 7 the following:  
1 8 a. The impact of climatic change on the state's water  
1 9 resources and water management policies and practices.  
1 10 b. The likelihood of an increase in the frequency or  
1 11 severity of weather-related events due to climatic change.  
1 12 c. The extent to which adverse health effects might result  
1 13 from climatic change.  
1 14 d. The impact of climatic change on energy resources.  
1 15 e. Whether and to what extent invasive species could enter  
1 16 or develop within the state as a consequence of climatic  
1 17 change.  
1 18 f. The extent to which climatic change could adversely  
1 19 impact natural resources management strategies.  
1 20 2. In addition to reviewing the state's vulnerability to  
1 21 climatic change as specified in subsection 1, the institutions  
1 22 shall also review the range of possible economic and other  
1 23 damages arising from unmitigated climatic change, and the  
1 24 range of possible costs relating either to efforts to mitigate  
1 25 climatic change or to adapt to unmitigated changes.  
1 26 3. Based upon such review, the institutions shall develop  
1 27 recommendations regarding adaptation measures to minimize the  
1 28 anticipated future costs of climatic change, and shall submit  
1 29 a report containing the recommendations to the general  
1 30 assembly by December 31, 2009.  
1 31 4. The institutions may hold no more than three meetings  
1 32 in conducting the review and preparing the report pursuant to  
1 33 this section, and may utilize the department of management to  
1 34 facilitate the meetings.

### EXPLANATION

2 1 This bill directs institutions under the control of the  
2 2 state board of regents to conduct a review and prepare a  
2 3 report regarding this state's vulnerability to climatic  
2 4 change.  
2 5 The bill provides that the review of vulnerability to  
2 6 climatic change shall include but not be limited to the impact  
2 7 upon state water resources and water management policies and  
2 8 practices, weather-related events, adverse health effects,  
2 9 energy resources, invasive species entrance or development,  
2 10 and natural resources management strategies. The bill  
2 11 provides that the institutions shall also review the range of  
2 12 possible economic and other damages arising from unmitigated  
2 13 climatic change, and the range of possible costs relating  
2 14 either to efforts to mitigate climatic change or to adapt to  
2 15 unmitigated changes.  
2 16 Based on this review, the bill requires the institutions to  
2 17 develop recommendations regarding adaptation measures to

2 18 minimize the anticipated future costs of climatic change, and  
2 19 to submit a report containing the recommendations to the  
2 20 general assembly by December 31, 2009. The bill limits the  
2 21 number of meetings the institutions shall be authorized to  
2 22 conduct to three, and authorizes the institutions to utilize  
2 23 the department of management to facilitate the meetings.  
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